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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAPE TOWN 095 ACTION SECSTATE 24 JAN QUOTE

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELE FROM EDMONDSON

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PFOR, RH
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: RICHARD SAYS FORECAST NOT GOOD

1. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS JUST INFORMED ME THAT CONTRARY TO EARLIER PLANS, RICHARD AND PARTY ARE LEAVING SALISBURY ABOUT 1800 TODAY AND WILL OVERNIGHT IN JOHANNESBURG AREA BEFORE GOING ON TO UNDERTERMINED NEXT STOP. WORD BRITISH EMBASSY RECEIVED FROM PARTY FOLLOWING THIS MORNING'S MEETING WITH SMITH IS THAT "THE FORECAST IS NOT AT ALL GOOD". SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO HAS ALREADY CARRIED NEWS THAT RICHARD'S MEETING WITH SMITH LASTED
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ONLY 45 MINUTES THOUGH EXPECTED TO LAST TWO HOURS.

2. EARLIER THIS MORNING, RICHARD'S PARTY ADVISED THEIR AMBASSADOR HERE (SCOTT) THAT RICHARD WOULD REMAIN OVERNIGHT IN SALISBURY TONIGHT AND VISIT A TRIBAL TRUST AREA TUESDAY MORNING. SCOTT TOLD ME HE THOUGHT THEY MIGHT EVEN SPEND TUESDAY NIGHT IN SALISBURY, AND ESTIMATED THERE WAS

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60-40 LIKELIHOOD THEY WOULD GO TO GABORONE RATHER THEN NAIROBI. EARLIER PLAN ALSO CALLED FOR PHILIP MANSFIELD TO FLY OUT TO LUSAKA TO FILE REPORTS FROM THERE BETWEEN 1400 AND 1500 TODAY. SUDDEN CHANGE OF PLANS SUGGESTS MEETING WITH SMITH WENT MORE BADLY THAN RICHARD EXPECTED.

3. RHODESIAN REPRESENTATIVE HAROLD HAWKINS HAS JUST TELEPHONE DCM HARVEY NELSON TO RELAY DESCRIPTION OF RICHARD-SMITH MEETING HAWKINS JUST RECEIVED BY PHONE FROM SALISBURY. DETAILS IN SEPTEL.

4. I WILL ARRIVE IN JOHANNESBURG AT 1630 TODAY AND WILL TRY TO MEET RICHARD OR SEE HIM SOON AFTER ARRIVAL.
AM ADVISING LONDON THAT I WILL NOT ARRIVE TOMORROW AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED.
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